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TO THE

TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ending 31st December 1963.

Statistics & Social Conditions of the Area

Area:	114,139 acres
Population:	20,720 (mid 1963 estimate)
Rateable Value:	£500,261
Sum represented by a Penny Rate:	£1,992
Special Conditions:	Agriculture being the chief occupation of the inhabitants, conditions are, on the whole good.
Slaughtering Industries:	The principal slaughterhouse in the District is:- Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand. In addition there are three other small private slaughterhouses. (See subsequent statement on slaughterhouses).

Other Main Industries:

Wiggins, Teape & Co., Paper Manufacturers, Bradninch
Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Silverton
Reed & Smith Ltd. Paper Manufacturers, Cullompton
Culm Leather Dressing Co., Cullompton
Fox Bros. & Co., Ltd., Weavers, Cullompton
Fox Bros. & Co., Ltd., Weavers, Uffculme
Drevon & Brown, Glove Manufacturers, Cullompton
Sellwoods Tannery, Cullompton
Wilts United Dairies, Milk Factory, Hemyock
Dulverton Sawmills, Morebath
Bramber Engineering Works, Willand
Strong Rawle & Strong, Fellmongers, Willand
Easton Wells Joinery Works, Cullompton
E.C.C. Quarries, Westleigh & Hillhead, Uffculme

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EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

	Total	M	F
Live Births	332	159	173
Rate per 1,000 population	16.0 (uncorrected) 18.0 (corrected)		
Illegitimate Live Births	6.2 per cent of total live births		

	Total	M	F
Still Births	7	3	4

Rate per 1,000 total live & still births	20.6
Total Live and Still Births	339
Infant Deaths under one year of age	10

Infant Mortality Rates:-

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	30.1
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	28.8
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	50.0
Neo-natal mortality (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	24.1
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	18.0
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths & deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live & stillbirths)	38.3
Maternal mortality	Nil
Deaths from Congenital Malformations	1
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

	Total	M	F
Deaths	259	132	127

Crude death rate per 1,000	12.5
Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	11.25

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EXCESSIVE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR

Deaths from Cancer during 1963 were 49. This compares with previous years as follows:- 1949 - 40; 1950 - 43; 1951 - 32; 1952 - 35; 1953 - 39; 1954 - 40; 1955 - 44; 1956 - 40; 1957 - 39; 1958 - 60; 1959 - 41; 1960 - 47; 1961 - 55; 1962 - 40.

	Males	Females	
Stomach	5	5	
Bronchus and Lung	10	1	
Breast	-	3	
Others	13	8	
Leukaemia	1	3	
	29	20	Total 49

CANCER INVESTIGATIONS

I have discussed plans for cancer investigations with the Regional Cancer Bureau and we hope eventually to formulate a scheme.

GASTRIC CANCER

I publish a chart showing the incidence of gastric cancer in the various parishes during the past 16 years.

Population	PARISH	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	TOTALS 1948-1963
1614	Bampton							1				1	1	2	2			7
211	Bickleigh						1									1		2
1767	Bradninch	1			1	1		2			1				4	2	2	14
699	Burlescombe	1							1			1						3
96	Butterleigh			1												1		2
143	Cadbury															1		1
165	Cadeleigh																	-
165	Clayhanger																	-
461	Clayhidon					1								1				2
432	Cruwys Morchard		1								1							2
3377	Cullompton	4	4	1	1	1	3	2	5	4	4	2	-	2	3	3	2	41
716	Culmstock								1						1		1	3
1281	Halberton				1					1		2	1	1	1			7
1065	Hemyock							1						1	1			3
179	Hockworthy																	-
489	Holcombe Rogus		1		1							1						3
149	Huntsham											1						1
670	Kentisbeare						1			1					1	1		4
145	Loxbeare					1												1
364	Morebath			2														2
359	Oakford																	-
669	Sampford Pev.			1			2	2						1			1	7
1274	Silverton			2			1	2	1	1	1				1		1	10
260	Stoodleigh																	-
135	Templeton										1							1
701	Thorverton					1	1	2	1				1	1		1		8
1688	Uffculme					1	1		1	1		1					2	7
302	Uplowman																	-
323	Washfield															1		1
808	Willand			1								1			1	1	1	5
		6	6	8	4	6	10	12	10	8	8	10	3	9	15	12	10	137
13070	Tiverton Borough	1	3	4	2	2	7	3	3	1	2	4	5	10	7	3	6	63

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Nursing In the Home - Home Help Service

   Cases are dealt with by direct application from the District Nurses or Health Visitors to the County Office.

2. Number of Midwives

   The District Nurses, of whom there are 16, act in this capacity.

3. Laboratory Facilities

   Clinical material is examined at the Public Health Laboratories as previously and also at the Pathological Department of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

4. Legislation in Force

   There has been no major change during the year with regard to legislation in force throughout the area.

5. Hospital Services

   Work is divided between the Tiverton Hospital Group and the Exeter Hospital Group. These have proved adequate during the year, but the hostel accommodation for the aged is still inadequate.

6. Maternity Services

   48 hour bookings are now accepted at Tiverton and District Hospital and this has proved very beneficial in making the best use of the available beds.

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than tuberculosis) during the year 1963 giving age incidence:-

AGE PERIODS	Scarlet Fever	Diptheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Para Typhoid	Dysentery	Meningococcal infection	Puerperal Pyrexia	Acute Poliomyelitis	Food Poisoning	Acute Encephalitis	Opthalmia Neonatorum	Erysipelas
Under 1	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	3	-	-	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 years	1	-	-	43	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 "	1	-	-	52	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 "	-	-	-	44	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	1	-	1	205	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 and over	1	-	-	11	14	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Age Unkown	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	7	-	1	418	21	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1963:-

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 and over	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1925

No action was taken during the year

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1925 Section 62

No action was taken during the year

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE SCHEMES

In last year's Annual Report I gave full details of the schemes carried out since 1950 together with costs. Details were also given of the existing schemes and their adequacy to deal with the flow of sewage from the various communities. The Council will, therefore, be aware of the position as regards sewerage and sewage disposal in the various Parishes and other communities of the Rural District.

The Ministry have recently asked all Rural Authorities for a statement of the present position and future schemes envisaged within the next ten years.

These are classified under the following categories:-

(a) Effectively sewered (i.e. all exept outlying properties connected or connectable to a system or main drainage with no further extension contemplated);

(b) Partly sewered and with further extensions in prospect;

(c) Partly sewered and with no further extensions in prospect;

(d) Not sewered, but whole or partial sewerage intended;

(e) Not sewered and no sewerage contemplated.

In categories (b) and (d) the probable year of commencement of work is shown together with an approximate estimate of cost, on today's prices, of works grant aidable under Circular No: 15/61.

In category (b) the number of properties at present served by main drainage is given and in both categories (b) and (d) the additional properties now existing to be connected or which will be connectable when proposals are carried out.

The following tables will show how this report was compiled for the Ministry:-

PARISH	Total No: of properties in Parish	Category a, b, c, d, or e	Category (b) only	
			No: of properties at present served by main drainage	Probable year of commencement of work
BAMPTON	632	(a)	-	-
BAMPTON (SHILLINGFORD HAMLET)		(b)	40	1966
BICKLEIGH	90	(c)	-	-
BRADNINCH	653	(b)	422	1967
BURLESCOMBE	237	(a)	-	-
BUTTERLEIGH	32	(d)	-	1964
CADBURY	55	(c)	-	-
CADELEIGH	54	(c)	-	-
CLAYHANGER	51	(e)	-	-
CLAYHIDON	140	(d)	-	1972
CRUWYS MORCHARD (NOMANSLAND (PENNYMOOR	165	(d) (d)	- -	1964 1964
CULLOMPTON	1348	(b)	840	1966/67
CULMSTOCK	270	(a)	-	-
HALBERTON (ASH THOMAS HAMLET)	431	(b)	6	1973
HALBERTON	-	(a)	-	-
HEMYOCK	427	(b)	196	1965
HOCKWORTHY	65	(c)	-	-

Category (b) or (d)		
No: of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1964 prices	REMARKS
-	-	The built-up area of town is completely sewered.
-	£11,500	This scheme will shortly be submitted to the Ministry & deals with a hamlet 1½ miles from the town
-	-	-
2	£48,000	This parish is sewered but a completely new disposal works is required.
-	-	A new scheme is now in course of construction & practically completed.
21	£12,000	This scheme has been submitted to the Ministry & approval given.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
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-	-	- do -
16	£9,000	A rather scattered parish with only one small built-up area Rosemary Lane.
23 28	£10,000 £11,500	These schemes have been submitted to the Ministry and approval given.
100 (approx)	£320,000	This high cost of this scheme is due to industrial & trade effluents. The scheme is with the Ministry.
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.
14	£8,000	-
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.
48	£65,000	Scheme awaiting approval from the Ministry
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.

PARISH	Total No: of properties in Parish	Category a, b, c, d, or e	Category (b) only	
			No: of properties at present served by main drainage	Probable year of commencement of work
HOLCOMBE ROGUS	179	(a)	-	-
HUNTSHAM	52	(d)	-	1965
Blackborough KENTISBEARE	239	(d) (b)	40	1970 1969
LOXBEARE	50	(e)	-	-
MOREBATH	145	(c)	-	-
OAKFORD	131	(c)	-	-
SAMPFORD PEV.	238	(a)	-	-
SILVERTON	456	(b)	250 (approx)	1965
STOODLEIGH	100	(d)	-	1971
TEMPLETON	41	(e)	-	-
THORVERTON	286	(b)	200	1967
UFFCULME	628	(a)	-	-
UFFCULME (ASHILL HAMLET)		(d)	-	1966
UPLOWMAN	71	(c)	-	-
WASHFIELD	112	(b)	29	1968
WILLAND	342	(a)	-	-

Category (b) or (d)		
No: of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable works at 1964 prices	REMARKS
-	-	A new scheme is now in course of construction and practically completed
16	£10,000	Scheme now with the Ministry awaiting approval
30 60	£50,000	The hamlet of Blackborough in this Parish will be sewered in 1970.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme
-	-	The village, which is the main part of the Parish, is sewered
-	-	-
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed
364	£55,000	This scheme has been submitted to the Ministry and approval given.
42	£25,000	This scheme will be high in cost owing to the scattered nature of the village.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	£28,000	-
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed
38	£20,000	Scheme with the Ministry awaiting approval.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme
7	£2,000	A small hamlet known as Washfield Bottom requires sewering.
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed

MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

At the present time we have a mobile gang with two Land Rovers covering the majority of the Rural District. In certain parishes and small hamlets we have part-time caretakers all of whom are supervised by our Public Health Department's general foreman.

During 1964 new schemes will come into operation at Holcombe Rogus, Burlescombe and Westleigh, and it is hoped that a start will be made on schemes for Butterleigh, Cruwys Morchard - Nomansland, Cruwys Morchard - Pennymoor, Silverton and possibly Hemyock. We also have a very full programme for 1965 and 1966. It will, therefore, be necessary for us to reconsider the staffing of the maintenance department in the light of all these additional works. In some cases, it may be possible to obtain part-time staff in the parishes concerned, but wherever possible it would be an advantage to the Council to have the work carried out by members of the mobile gang under the supervision of the foreman.

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WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply to the District is from the mains of the North Devon Water Board, and their Officers have supplied the following information:-

(a) i. The quality of the water supplied throughout the Rural District has been satisfactory, but with few instances when reports of bacteriological analyses on samples have shown the presence of coliform organisms in small numbers - as detailed on page 13.

ii. The quantity supplied has been sufficient, constant supplies being available from all mains of distribution systems in the area.

Temporary inconstancy of supplies experienced in recent years in the Thorverton, Silverton, Bradninch and Cullompton areas has been overcome by the completion of the Little Silver to Thorverton scheme during the year and during 1962 the completion of the 9" feeder main from Woodgate reservoir (at Culmstock) into Uffculme.

The completion of the trunk main from Bickham Moor through Oakford and Bampton to Shillingford has enabled the Board to take out of commission the three local spring sources, which were of constant concern to the Board's staff.

(b) Bacteriological examinations have been made by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter, of samples of raw and treated waters taken from all sources and distribution systems, as detailed in the schedule already referred to.

The number of chemical analyses of raw and treated samples from Church stanton, Newcombe, Sheldon and Bickham was 463.

At Churchstanton considerable improvement in the quality of the raw water from the catchment area, has been brough about by the collection of surface water from a farm and the discharge into the drainage system.

(c) Lime treatment for the correction of the pH is carried out at Churchstanton; at Newcombe and Sheldon the water is passed through lime stone beds, as is also the case at Butterleigh, which is due to be taken out of commission

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on completion of the trunk main scheme recently approved by the Ministry.

(d) i. A sample taken from the Butterleigh/Bickleigh distribution system on 5th November showed the presence of 50 coliform organisms per 100 ml. The cause was investigated immediately on receipt of the provisional 24 hour incubation report; a fault at the hypochlorinator was found and put right and the distribution system was flushed out. A check sample taken on 8th November proved negative.

ii. During November, samples taken from the distribution system at Shillingford showed the presence of coliform organisms. All possible sources of the infection along the route of the main from Bampton and the system at Shillingford were investigated, but no likely cause whatsoever was found. The system was sterilized by injecting chlorine solution over a period of several days.

iii. At Churchstanton Waterworks, as already mentioned, contamination of the water collected from the catchment area was traced to surface water from Higher Munty Farm. Drains have been laid from the farm to the drainage system.

PARISH	No: of Domestic Properties	No: of Farms	No: of other meter supplies (ex cattle troughs)	Total properties	Population supplied (est.)
Bampton	370	10	32	412	1,236
Bickleigh	39	5	7	51	153
Bradninch	543	14	33	590	1,770
Burlescombe	146	29	16	191	573
Butterleigh	21	6	2	29	87
Clayhanger	17	5	1	23	69
Clayhidon	28	25	3	56	168
Cruwys Morchard	14	1	3	18	54
Cullompton	1,125	41	87	1,253	3,759
Culmstock	196	24	16	236	708
Halberton	313	45	19	377	1,131
Hemyock	209	14	19	242	726
Hockworthy	20	15	-	35	105
Holcombe Rogus	91	10	6	107	321
Kentisbeare	152	40	21	213	639
Morebath	39	6	1	46	138
Oakford	34	3	2	39	117
Sampford Pev.	207	12	28	247	741
Silverton	413	11	12	436	1,308
Stoodleigh	27	4	6	37	111
Thorverton	218	8	12	238	714
Uffculme	491	61	60	612	1,836
Uplowman	36	10	2	48	144
Washfield	32	2	-	34	102
Willand	312	10	30	352	1,056
TOTAL	5,093	411	418	5,922	17,766

LIST OF SAMPLES TAKEN & FOUND TO BE UNSATISFACTORY

(Showing the 'count' in each case)

DATE	SOURCE	COLIFORM BACILLI	BACT. COLI
11/5/63	Bickham	25	-
29/7/63	"	13	-
29/7/63	"	25	-
22/11/63	"	80	80
29/11/63	"		13
2/12/63	"	5	5
5/12/63	"	5	5
6/12/63	"	8	5
7/12/63	"	2	2
16/8/63	Newcombe	13	13
20/7/63	Bampton	2	2
20/7/63	Cullompton	2	-
8/11/63	Butterleigh	130	80

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WATER SAMPLING (PRIVATE SUPPLIES & WELLS)

Details of samples taken by the Public Health Department during 1963 are given below:-

P A R I S H	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY	TAKEN
Bampton	2	1	3
Cruwys Morchard	2	-	2
Cullompton	2	1	3
Culmstock	1	-	1
Halberton	4	1	5
Hemyock	-	1	1
Loxbeare	2	-	2
Oakford	1	1	2
Silverton	2	-	2
Stoodleigh	-	1	1
Templeton	2	-	2
Uplowman	1	-	1
TOTALS	19	6	25

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PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH

The only public swimming bath in the district is situated at Old Well Roadhouse, Waterloo Cross, Uffculme. The size of the bath is 75 feet by 25 feet. The swimming bath is open from May to September and during that period weekly samples of the water are taken and sent to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. With regard to the filtration of the water, a Mr. Stokes has now taken over the Old Well Roadhouse and has suggested installing a proper filtration plant at a cost of nearly £300. Whilst it may not be possible to install this plant for 1964, it will almost certainly be installed for 1965; instead of hand chlorination, chlorination would be carried out by an automatic system.

This swimming bath is still used by children attending the County Schools at Uffculme, Cullompton, Willand and the Bradfield Special School.

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COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this Rural District.

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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The Council carried out its obligations under this Act and a full-time Rodent Operator is employed for this purpose. We have contracts to clear the rats from a number of farms where treatments are carried out on an average of four times per year. The Council's sewers are treated regularly, as also are the refuse tips at Gaddon Down and Bampton. Private dwellings are not covered by the contract services, but ratepayers can ask for the services of our Rodent Operator and the charges are reasonable.

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REFUSE COLLECTION

During the year under review there has been an increase in demand on the services of our refuse collection system, especially from outlying farms and small hamlets where a monthly collection is not considered to be adequate.

During the very bad weather in the early months of the year, our staff worked under extremely difficult conditions to collect refuse from the outlying areas. The Land Rover proved extremely useful in bringing the refuse down from hamlets and isolated dwellings, when the roads were partially blocked by snow drifts.

It is noticeable that during the past few years, the bulk of refuse has increased, there being far more cardboard, paper and tins than hitherto, and a decrease in the amount of ashes. This in itself will present a problem in time, owing to the length of haul between the villages and the central tip at Gaddon Down. It will probably be necessary for the Council to purchase a newer type of refuse vehicle with a compression mechanism, in order to pack the laod into a smaller space and thereby economise on the number of trips to and from the refuse tip. Householders can also help in keeping down the quantity of refuse by burning all combustible refuse

It is not now an economical proposition to collect salvage in the Rural District, owing to the high cost of transport.

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

Food & Drugs Act 1955 (Sections 13, 14 & 16)

(a) Ice-cream premises:-

(i)	No of premises registered for the manufacture and/or sale of ice-cream during the year	3
(ii)	Total number of premises so registered	96

(b) Bakeries:-

No new bakeries were registered during the year.

(c) Fried fish premises:-

No new fish frying establishments were registered during the year.

(d) Egg Packing Stations:-

No action has been necessary.

(e) Butchers' shops:-

No action has been necessary.

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Food Premises:-

Bakehouses	13
Butchers' shops	23
Fried fish shops	6
Egg packing premises	5
Catering establishments	65

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Food Hygiene Regulations

Implementation of the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations has continued during the year. There has been no necessity for prosecution in any instance.

The larger establishments have been visted by me and particular attention has been paid to the necessity of proper sanitary conveniences and proper hand washing facilities being provided for the use of employees. Wherever possible, the use of paper towels has been advised in preference to the various types of roller hand towels, it being felt that there is no possible risk of reinfecting the hands after washing if disposable paper towels are used.

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MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

Number of Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) registered at 31st December 1963 - 11.

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CARAVAN MOVABLE DWELLING & CAMPING SITES

and

Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960

Total number of sites licensed at the end of 1963 19

In addition there are sites for tourists' caravans at:-

The Wishing Well Cafe, Bampton
and Little Copse Filling Station, Cullompton

which are exempt from Local Authority controls, the Caravan Club of Great Britain having granted their form of licence to the sites.

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SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT 1958

At 31st December 1963, the following private slaughterhouses were licensed and in use in the District:-

Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand
J. Veysey & Son, 33 Fore Street, Cullompton
N.M. Western, 24 Fore Street, Silverton
G.A. Sanders, Exeter Road, Silverton

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KNACKERS' YARDS

None were licensed at the end of the year.

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SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1958

27 Licences to slaughter animals were granted or renewed during the year.

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MEAT INSPECTION

The following table shows details of meat inspection for the year:-

Carcases/...

Carcases & Offal Inspected & Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	5525	143	1369	85207	99146
Number inspected	5525	143	1369	85207	99146
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	13	5	88	186	454
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	768	52	31	3571	11772
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	14.135	39.860	8.692	4.409	12.331
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2446
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis					2.468
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	40	2			
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration					
Generalised and Totally condemned					

The Total weight of meat and offal condemned during the year:-

	Tons	Cwts.	Qr.	Lb.
Tuberculosis	13	10	2	3
Other diseases	80	15	-	24
TOTAL	94	5	2	27

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEAT REGULATIONS 1963

Object of the Regulations

The above mentioned regulations came into force on the 1st October 1963. The object of these regulations was to secure the inspections of all meat (100% inspection) by local authorities officers before it is removed from the slaughter-house. A legal obligation is, therefore, placed on all local authorities to have meat produced in their district inspected, passed as fit for human consumption, and marked by the inspector. Local authorities have a period of two years in which to tighten up their inspection procedure and, at the end of this time, all meat produced in a particular district must be inspected and marked in accordance with the regulations. The regulations call for a much more thorough inspection than hitherto and require that wherever possible the inspection be made, whilst the carcase is being dressed. In addition to the carcase all offals including the heads, lips, tongues and gums must be examined and this includes sheep as well as all other animals.

Meat Inspectors

With the increasing throughput at Lloyd Maunder Limited as shown by the figures given in the preceeding table, the Council realise that the number of inspectors engaged on this work will have to be increased.

The number of qualified Meat Inspectors available for this type of work is limited, and the position is likely to be aggravated by the demands made by local authorities with slaughtering establishments, as a result of the implementation of the new regulations. The Council is, therefore, endeavouring to obtain additional inspectors as soon as possible. We are also seriously considering a training scheme for school leavers who may be interested in taking up Meat Inspection.

Inspection Procedure

The co-operation of Lloyd Maunder Limited is also being sought in making the necessary improvements at their establishment to enable the inspectors to carry out this work, as it is necessary for all the offals to be identified with their respective carcases until the completion of the inspection.

Conclusions

Provided that the Council can obtain additional Inspectors, and Lloyd Maunder Limited co-operate with us on this matter, there is every reason to say that at the end of the two year tightening up period, we shall be in a position to mark all carcases and fully implement the regulations.

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FACTORIES ACTS

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	44	3	nil	nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	33	nil	nil
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding out-workers 'premises)	nil	nil	nil	nil
TOTAL	148	36	nil	nil

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	No: of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	-	nil	nil	nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	2	nil	nil	2	nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	2	nil	1	nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
TOTAL	6	2	nil	3	nil

NATURE OF WORK	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No: of out-workers in August list req'd by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No: of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No: of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No: of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel: Making etc	20	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Wearing apparel: Cleaning & Washing	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Household linen	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Lace, lace curtains & nets	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Curtains & furniture hangings	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Furniture and upholstery	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Electro-plate	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
File-making	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Brass and brass articles	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Fur pulling	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Iron & Steel cables and chains	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Iron & steel anchors and grapnels	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Cart gear	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Locks, latches & keys	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Umbrellas etc	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Artificial flowers	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Nets, other than wire nets	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Tents	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Sacks	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Racquet and tennis balls	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Paper Bags	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Brush Making	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Pea picking	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Feather Sorting	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Carding etc of buttons etc	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Stuffed toys	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Basket making	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Chocolates & Sweetmeats	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Cosaques Christmas stockings etc	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Textile weaving	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Lampshades	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
TOTAL	20	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

I am indebted to the Officers of the Council for their help during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant,

G. NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health

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